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MARCH 1 PLANTING INTENTIONS

Farmers in Kentucky intend to plant 1.50 million acres of corn, 100,000 higher than 2015. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 93.6 million acres for all purposes in 2016, up 6 percent from last year and 3 percent higher than 2014.

Soybean acreage in Kentucky was expected to total 1.65 million acres, down 190,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2016 is estimated at 82.2 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

Burley tobacco growers in Kentucky intend to set 61,000 acres for harvest, up 3,000 acres from 2015. For the burley producing states, growers intend to set 79,150 acres, slightly above last year.

Producers intend to set 10,000 acres of dark-fired tobacco in Kentucky, up 100 acres from the previous year. Acreage set to dark-air tobacco was estimated at 4,700 acres, down 300 acres from 2015.

Winter wheat seeded by Kentucky farmers in the fall of 2015 totaled 550,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from previous year. All wheat seeded acreage for the nation was 49.6 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 2.40 million acres of all hay, up 30,000 from 2015. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 54.3 million acres of hay in 2016, down slightly from last year. The acreage of all hay harvested during a summer depends to a great measure on the moisture received during the growing season and temperatures experienced. With a drier summer farmers will cut more hay to feed their cattle.

Prospective Plantings, KY & U.S. - March 1, 2016

Crops	Kentucky			U.S.		
	2015	2016	16 % of 15	2015	2016	16 % of 15
	<i>(000 Acres)</i>	<i>(000 Acres)</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>(000 Acres)</i>	<i>(000 Acres)</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	1,400	1,500	107	87,999	93,601	106
Soybeans	1,840	1,650	90	82,650	82,236	99
Sorghum, All	(¹)	(¹)	--	8,459	7,216	85
Hay, All ²	2,370	2,400	101	54,437	54,305	100
Tobacco, All ²	72.9	75.7	104	326,550.0	314,450.0	96
Burley ²	58.0	61.0	105	78.9	79.2	100
Wheat, All ³	560	550	98	54,644	49,559	91
Barley ³	(¹)	(¹)	--	3,558	3,140	88

¹ Estimates discontinued in 2009. ² Harvested acreage. ³ Includes acreage planted preceding fall.

**Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Numbers by Class & Weight Groups
March 1, 2015 - 2016, Selected States and U.S.**

State	Total		Breeding		Market		Market Hogs			
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	< 50	50-119	120-179	> 180
							pounds			
							2016			
	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>
CO	710	690	140	150	570	540	250	100	90	100
IL	4,750	5,100	490	500	4,260	4,600	1,450	1,370	920	860
IN	3,750	3,700	280	260	3,470	3,440	990	980	730	740
IA	20,800	20,200	1,030	980	19,770	19,220	4,720	6,100	4,820	3,580
KS	1,860	1,930	175	175	1,685	1,755	480	475	370	430
KY ¹	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MI	1,140	1,160	110	110	1,030	1,050	280	270	260	240
MN	8,000	7,950	570	560	7,430	7,390	2,500	2,280	1,530	1,080
MO	2,900	2,950	400	385	2,500	2,565	1,200	535	420	410
NE	3,150	3,350	420	420	2,730	2,930	930	800	660	540
NC	8,600	8,700	890	880	7,710	7,820	3,080	1,730	1,710	1,300
OH	2,330	2,600	180	185	2,150	2,415	730	690	585	410
OK	2,190	2,130	440	480	1,750	1,650	670	345	310	325
PA	1,140	1,130	100	110	1,040	1,020	265	320	270	165
SD	1,310	1,400	165	190	1,145	1,210	420	330	240	220
TX	920	850	100	110	820	740	180	205	150	205
UT	670	660	75	75	595	585	255	110	120	100
Other ¹	3,179	3,144	417	410	2,763	2,734	982	623	559	569
US	67,399	67,644	5,982	5,980	61,418	61,664	19,382	17,263	13,744	11,274

¹ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 other States. Kentucky included in "Other".

Kentucky and United States Stocks of Grain, March 1, 2016 with Comparisons

Crop & Position	Kentucky			United States		
	Mar 2015	Dec 2015 ¹	Mar 2016	Mar 2015	Dec 2015 ¹	Mar 2016
	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>
Corn						
On-Farm	60,000	110,000	58,000	4,380,000	6,829,000	4,335,000
Off-Farm ²	27,818	27,832	28,770	3,369,806	4,409,258	3,472,935
Total	87,818	137,832	86,770	7,749,806	11,238,258	7,807,935
Sorghum						
On-Farm	(3)	(3)	(3)	9,000	51,500	24,760
Off-Farm ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	110,856	270,720	176,025
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	119,856	322,220	200,785
Oats						
On-Farm	(3)	(3)	(3)	20,810	36,750	26,800
Off-Farm ²	(D)	(D)	(D)	38,609	46,098	48,480
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	59,419	82,848	75,280
Barley						
On-Farm	(3)	(3)	(3)	41,990	96,670	57,610
Off-Farm ¹	(D)	(D)	(D)	76,247	83,880	79,535
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	118,237	180,550	137,145
All Wheat						
On-Farm	(D)	(D)	(D)	278,710	503,450	319,800
Off-Farm ²	8,687	12,897	9,669	861,697	1,242,799	1,051,730
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,140,407	1,746,249	1,371,530
Soybeans						
On-Farm	(D)	(D)	(D)	609,200	1,308,500	727,500
Off-Farm ²	4,550	11,997	5,472	717,399	1,406,827	803,294
Total	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,326,599	2,715,327	1,530,794

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Data may have been revised. ² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. ³ On-Farm stocks estimates not made.

United States Honey Production Down 12 Percent for Operations with Five or More Colonies

United States honey production in 2015 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 157 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2014. There were 2.66 million colonies from which honey was harvested in 2015, down 3 percent from 2014. Yield of honey harvested per colony averaged 58.9 pounds, down 10 percent from the 65.1 pounds in 2014. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 42.2 million pounds on December 15, 2015, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Kentucky honey production in 2015 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 230 thousand pounds, down 2 percent from 2014. There were 5 thousand colonies from which honey was harvested in 2015, unchanged from 2014. Yield of honey harvested per colony averaged 46.0 pounds, down 2 percent from the 47.0 pounds in 2014. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 55.0 thousand pounds on December 15, 2015, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

United States Honey Prices Down 4 Percent for Operations with Five or More Colonies

United States honey prices decreased during 2015 to 209.0 cents per pound, down 4 percent from a record high of 217.3 cents per pound in 2014. United States and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private, and retail channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2014 crop reflect honey sold in 2014 and 2015. Some 2014 honey was sold in 2015, which caused some revisions to the 2014 honey prices. Price data was not collected for operations with less than five colonies. Kentucky honey prices decreased during 2015 to 386.0 cents per pound, down 3 percent from 396.0 cents per pound in 2014.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from February 2015. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to leap year causes February milk production to be up 1.0 percent on a per day basis. January revised production, at 16.6 billion pounds, was up 0.2 percent from January 2015. The January revision represented a decrease of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,833 pounds for February, 79 pounds above February 2015. This is the highest production per cow for the month of February since the 23 State series began in 2003. When production is adjusted for the additional day due to leap year, February production per cow is 16 pounds above February 2015 on a per day basis.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 8,000 head more than February 2015, and 2,000 head more than January 2016.

Crop Average Prices Received ¹

Commodity	Kentucky		U.S.	
	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	Feb 2015	Feb 2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) ²³	4.13	3.95	3.79	3.57
Soybeans (Bu) ²	10.20	9.04	9.91	8.51
Winter Wheat (Bu) ²	(4)	(4)	5.70	4.47
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	205.00	225.00	167.00	142.00
Hay, Other (Ton)	105.00	110.00	131.00	125.00

¹ Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. ² Includes contract sales paid during month. ³ Includes yellow and white corn. ⁴ Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

Livestock Average Prices Received ¹

Commodity	United States		
	Feb 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016
	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.
All Hogs	50.40	43.60	49.60
Barrows & Gilts	50.80	44.00	49.80
Sows	39.70	31.50	45.40
All Beef Cattle ³	159.00	130.00	132.00
Steers & Heifers ⁴	161.00	132.00	134.00
Cows	110.00	74.20	77.50
Calves ⁵	277.00	196.00	201.00

¹ U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. ² "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. ³ 500 lbs. and over. ⁴ Under 500 lbs.

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